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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:   
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support to Navy Operating Forces

1. Action Requested: Your comments on the attached draft report and concurrence with our intent to do follow-on work are requested.

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2. Background: My staff has been investigating intelligence support currently provided to operating forces to seek ways to improve the NFIP contribution. The work is divided into three parts: Strategic Forces, Army and Tactical Air Support, and Navy Operating Forces.

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a. The Navy segment is forwarded separately in draft form for two reasons:

-- The Navy team has identified additional work that should be completed in-house over the summer to support (or contradict) assertions made in the draft. This version, then, is intended to be a status report rather than a finished product.

-- The tentative conclusions are counter-intuitive, hence potentially controversial. We solicit your concurrence before proceeding further.

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b. The focus of analysis was on the needs of operating forces, but the thrust of conclusions is directed toward intelligence functions which provide warning to the NCA rather than to operating forces directly. In the transition from peace to war for sea control with the Soviets, NCA decisions based on warning could be the most vital form of support to operating forces. In particular, decisions to redeploy forces away from areas where preemptive strike is probable and/or to modify rules of engagement, could give the Battle Group Commander an execution advantage he does not now enjoy. The current focus of intelligence support is on tactical warning and targeting support; both are necessary, but the implicit assumption is that warning will fail to provide an execution advantage.

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c. Members of the Navy study team have visited several Navy intelligence activities and key operational commands, including CINCLANTFLT and COMSIXTHFLT. The information gleaned during these visits was instrumental to completing the report; however, the draft has not been distributed for official comment. The gist of informal feedback has been that several parochial interests could be threatened. In particular, the statement in the text that targeting is not the proper focus for national intelligence support has been presumed by some readers to be an argument against the

[redacted] In view of your memo of agreement with SECDEF regarding [redacted] the inferred argument is not relevant to NFIP but might still cause concern within DoD. [redacted]

3. Staff Position: The unanimous support of all those with a stake in intelligence support to operating forces is not a feasible objective, but it appears appropriate to learn more before inviting formal comment. Thus far, the informal working relationships established with key Navy offices have provided free and candid exchanges and an invitation to continue the work. [redacted]

4. Recommendation: It is recommended that we pursue the investigations further before developing a finished product (target date of September). If you concur, my staff will focus on the I&W function to learn whether the basis exists, or could be developed, in I&W for appropriate NCA decisions in support of Navy forces. Formal staffing would be held in abeyance pending completion of work. [redacted]

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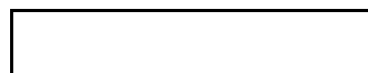
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